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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIHUANA

REF: STATE 57902

1. IN SRI LANKA PENALTIES FOR POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA VERY
LENIENT. TRAFFICKERS, PARTICULARLY FIRST TIME OFFENDERS,
FINED W/O IMPRISONMENT DEPENDING ON QUANTITY OF MARIHUANA SEIZED.

2. UNDER SRI LANKAN LAW, ALL NARCOTICS INCLUDING MARIHUANA
FALL UNDER THE POISONS, OPIUM AND DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE
OF 1929. FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT ARE DETERMINED BY THE
COURTS. IF CONVICTED IN MAGISTRATES COURT FINE MAY NOT EXCEED
RS.1000 (US \$137.94) AND/OR 1 YEAR IMPRISONMENT. IN DISTRICT
COURT, FINE MAY NOT EXCEED RS.5000 (US \$689.72) AND/OR THREE
YEARS IMPRISONMENT. IN SUPREME COURT FINE NOT TO EXCEED
RS.10,000 (US \$1379.44) AND OR TEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

3. PROCEEDINGS AGAINST NARCOTICS VIOLATORS GENERALLY INITIATED IN
MAGISTRATES COURT. IF MAJOR VIOLATION COMMITTED IT IS RE-
FERRED TO EITHER DISTRICT OR SUPREME COURTS WHERE HIGHER
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PENALTIES MAY BE LEVIED.

4. FINES ARE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT JUDGES. NO
SET FINE LEVIED FOR NARCOTICS VIOLATION. GENERALLY FIRST
OFFENDERS CHARGED WITH SIMPLE POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA ARE GIVEN
WARNING OR LIGHT FINE OF RS.100 (US \$13.79). TRAFFICKERS ARE
DEALT WITH MORE SEVERELY WITH FINES AND OR IMPRISONMENT DEPENDING

ON QUANTITY SEIZED AND NUMBER OF OFFENCES.

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